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Title: Need to protect people from menace of elephants in Assam.

SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL (DIBRUGARH): The man and elephant conflict in Assam is a very serious issue. This particular problem has created havoc in the districts of Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Golaghat, Karbi Anglong, Sonitpur and Nagaon. Due to this problem, so far there has been a loss of six lives. Also many persons have been hospitalized for treatment. This problem has not been effectively tackled by the State Government of Assam because of lack of power. According to the Wild Life Act, the power of control and regulation of wild elephant is in the hands of the Central Government. That is why, the State Government cannot tackle the wild elephant effectively.

My humble submission to the Government of India is that this particular power should be given to the State Government so that they can control and regulate the wild elephant, and protect the interests of the villagers.

Sir, in my district of Dibrugarh, there are five panchayats in Larua Mouza – Lezai, Kolkhowa, Madhupur, Gorudhoria, and Bogibil. In these five panchayats, more than 100 villagers have been badly affected. This jumbo elephant has destroyed their paddy fields, houses and many other properties. In order to protect these villagers, the Central Government must come forward to hand over this particular power to the State Government.

MR. SPEAKER: Please do not repeat. You are repeating it.

SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL: Sir, I come to my last point.

Sir, the Central Government must immediately announce a package for providing adequate compensation to the affected villagers in all the districts of Assam.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, Shri Chengaru Surendran.

SHRI CHENGARA SURENDRAN (ADOOR): Sir, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is now ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, you just try to watch and listen which are the matters I am trying to allow. The matters are concerning common people and workers who are affected. आप लोगों को इस बारे में कोई सिम्पैथी भी नहीं है। क्या यह विषय सुनने लायक नहीं है।

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